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For: REMOVABLE MEDICAL IMPLANT CLOSURE FOR OPEN HEADED IMPLANTS

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Kansas City, Missouri

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

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Kindly reconsider the above captioned application in view of  
the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims:

The following are proposed amended claims in a clean format:

1. A closure for use in conjunction with a medical implant  
that is sized and shaped to operably close a channel  
between two spaced arms with each of said arms having  
an inward threaded surface; said closure comprising:  
a) a body having an axis of rotation and a threaded  
cylindrical shaped radially outward surface with